

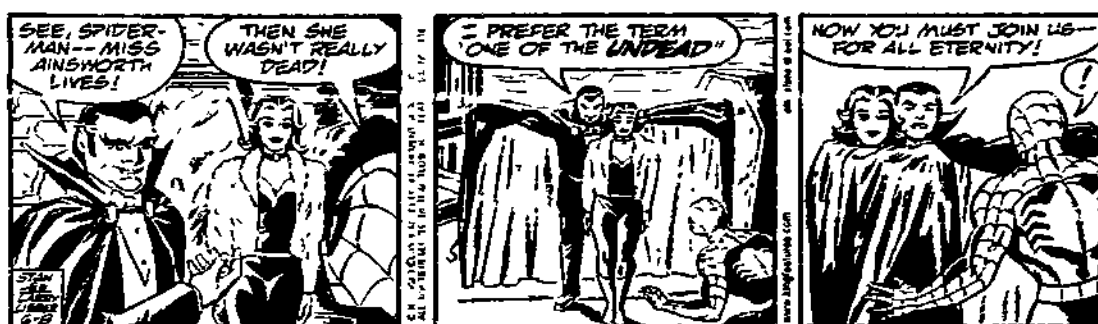
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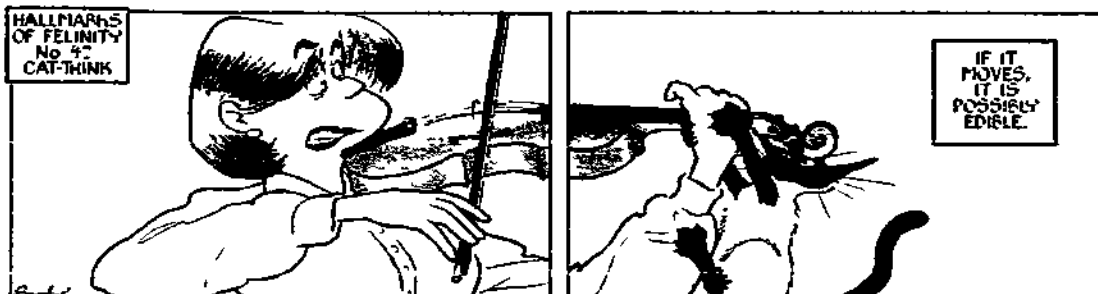
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



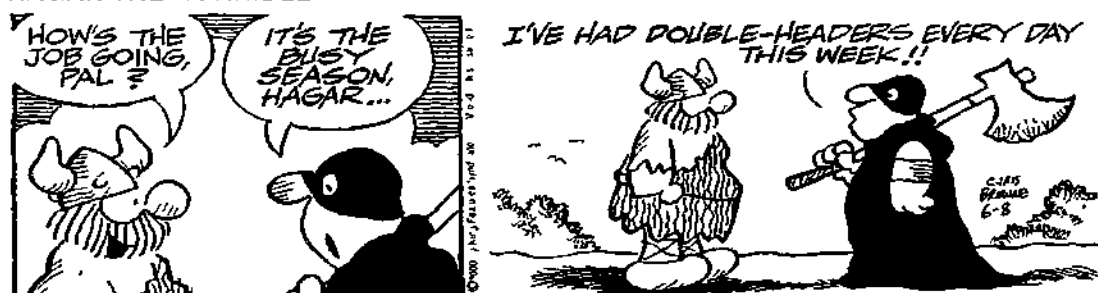
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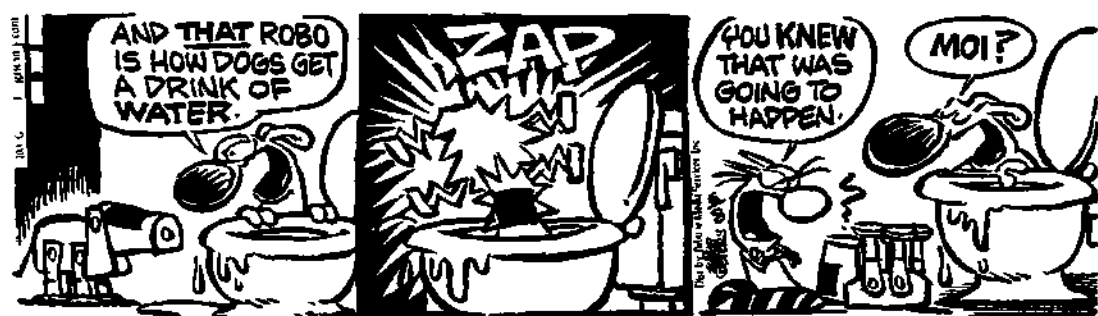
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



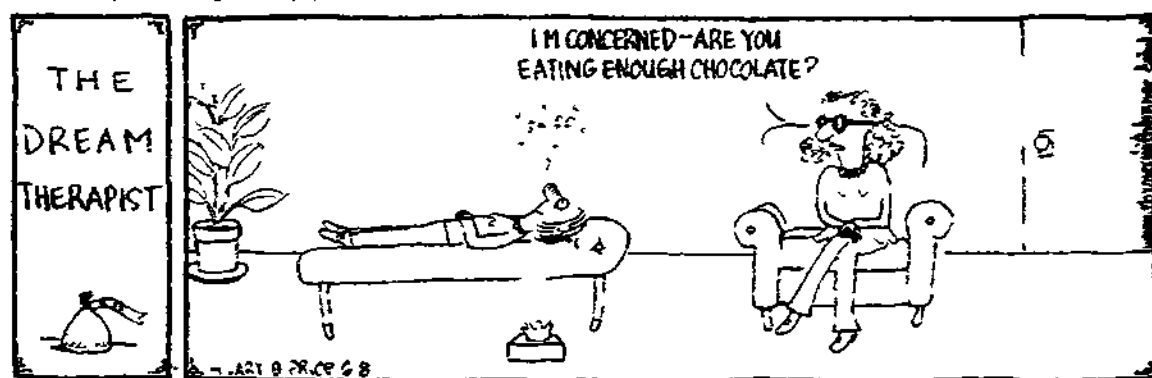
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, June 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You yearn to break free from your normal day-to-day routine. Doing something spontaneous is just what you need to lift your mood.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are the object of someone's affections and you might have a decision to make regarding the relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel like there is a growing gap between you and your family members.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Everything has a solution and it's up to you to find out what those solutions are.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You find yourself pinching pennies. Saving for a rainy day is always a good idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are ready to start the day from the time the sun comes up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can't get rid of that nagging voice in your head, so maybe you should listen to what it's trying to tell you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is a great day for Scorpios who love mystery! Here's a clue: A secret may be revealed if you know which questions to ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure you cover all of the details before rushing on to the next task.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Spend the majority of the day planning for a future event.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You have a great business sense, but there might be a detail you're missing. Get a second opinion if you have any doubts whatsoever.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Try not to be too critical of a friend or family member. As the moon moves through the house of Virgo, you have a tendency to judge people unfairly.

RALPH



ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Everything was wrong groused South I couldn't run my long suit my finesse didn't win

NORTH	EAST
♠ 8 4 2	♠ K 6
♥ J 6	♥ 9 8 5 4 3
♦ Q 9 6	♦ 8 5 3
♣ A K Q 6 5	♣ J 4 2

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: South

The bidding
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

losers sent the game one down. How could South have made his game? After East advertised his spade holding, South was right to win the second spade. When he gets the bad news in clubs, South should give West the lead in spades. If West cashes his spades, South can discard one of his blocking clubs to win five club tricks. If West shifts instead of cashing, it won't help. South enjoys a free finesse and can settle for four club winners. This gives him four clubs, one spade and thanks to the free finesse, four tricks in the red suits.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Tuesday evening, first, Bruce Rubin, Bob Anderson, second, Joe Fortino, Cameron Ross, Wednesday evening, first, Bruce Rubin, Joe Fortino, second/third, Bob Garwood, Doug Lyon, John De-Anna, Edie Farnham, Sharon Ausman, Murray Hall, Thursday Morning Teaching Game, 1 NS Louis Bashaw, Pauline Filinger, 1 EW, Jo Cleveland, Sarah Myers, Thursday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, Arlene Rainone, Joe Fortino, Bruce Rubin, Friday morning, first, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser, second, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, Friday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Bruce Rubin, second, Bill Barrington, Arlene Rainone, Saturday afternoon, first, Bill Bremer, Gary Simonetta, second, Joe Fortino, Bruce Rubin.

Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Tuesday evening Intermediate Game, first, Trudy Roussin, Alfred Roussin, second/third, Mary Jo Allen, Bill Allen, Leslie Smith, Mary Anne Ruff, Thursday afternoon Intermediate Game, 1 NS, Eralmine Jones, Marilyn Parratt, 2 NS, Barbara Fairbank, Petey Pulcher, 1 EW, Josephine Harris, Carole Russell, 2 EW, Patricia Miller, Paul Swarthout.

Lafayette Country Club Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS Gt Radin, Irma Silverstein, 2 NS Lois Meyer, Marcia Rothschild, 1 EW Ivy Besdin, Shirley Doroff, 2 EW, Shirley Ashkin, Pottie Poushter.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS Judy Butcher, Lorry Desruisseaux, 2 NS Sharlene Kostichka, Katherine Worthen, 1 EW Anne Divers, Pam Gibson, 2 EW, Mildred Wells, Sally Wright.

Radisson Bridge Club: Wednesday evening, first, Nancy Noble, Mike Rich, second, Pat Roe, Ted Roe.

Stonehedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Joan Shibel, Sally Wright, 2 NS Jackie Osika, Helen White, 1 EW, Nancy Rude, Louise Starnig, 2 EW, Anne Divers, Ruth Richner.

Syracuse Contract Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 99er Game, first, Jeff Riddle, J. Smith, second, Isabella Carter, Jean Steding, Tuesday evening, 99er Game, first, Ken Rose, Pauline Rose, Eileen Carolan, Eoretta Leonard, Wednesday evening, first/second, Judy Butcher, Lorry Desruisseaux, Bernie Gorkin, Joan Noll, Thursday noon, 1 NS, Betty Burns, Dot Jorner, 2 NS, Mary Ann Finn, Anne O'Brien, 1 EW, Doug Lyon, Sharlene Kostichka, 2 EW, Ron Dewey, Gerry Rodway, Thursday evening, first, Barbara Eveleigh, Doug Lyon, second, Judy Bailey, Ron Dewey, Friday evening, first, Dan Boye, John Hammer, second, Ken Koenig, Fred Neuburger, Sunday afternoon, first, Evelyn Broadwell, Winona Phillips, second, Frank Christian, Dale Swift.

WORD SLEUTH

MASTERS GOLF CHAMPIONS

A F C Z W U R P M J H E C Z X
U S Q N L J C G C E C Z X V T
R R E L L E O Z R R P N N L J
H E C A R R U Y E W V A T R P
D N L K I E P M N G G N H R E
C A B Z X Y L N S O E W G E U
S W E R P A E D H Z O M N G L
J I O N P L S U A L K C I N G
E D B O S P A R W T Y X S A W
U T S O D L A F Q P S O N L L
K J N N O S T A W H G F D C B

Wednesday's unlisted clue: UNWISE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue: PUZZY

Couples: Langer, Nelson, Sarazen, Stadler
Crenshaw, Faldio, Hogan, Nicklaus, Palmer, Sneed, Watson, Woods

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For solution, see Classified.

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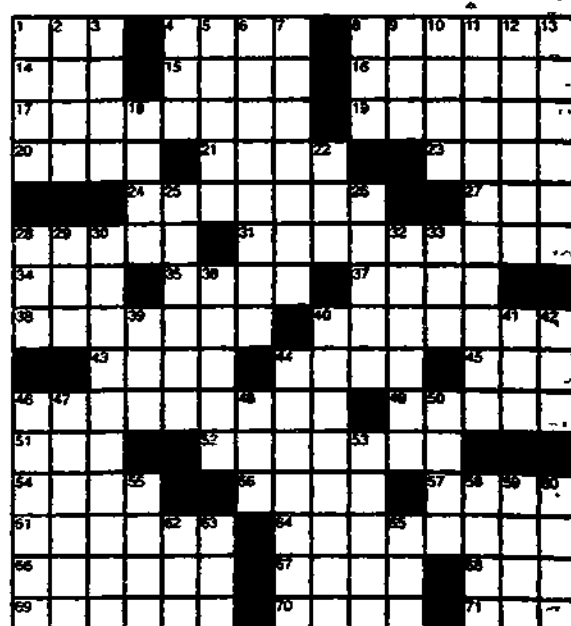
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Note: The 10 unclued answers in this puzzle (from 20-Across to 57-Across) comprise a word ladder, in which one letter is changed between each consecutive step.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Kind of tent | 34 Jackie's second |
| 4 Strong criticism | 35 Fourth step |
| 8 Ages | 37 Fifth step |
| 14 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir. | 38 Whines |
| 15 Parks in 1955 news | 40 Take care (of) |
| 16 "Big deal" | 43 Sixth step |
| 17 With skill | 44 Seventh step |
| 19 Club | 45 "O patna" ("Aida") ana |
| 20 Start of the word ladder | 46 Perfect hits |
| 21 Second step | 49 Happening |
| 23 Third step | 51 Duke Ellington's "Got Me" |
| 24 Polite guest | 52 Pay back |
| 27 Denver clock setting Abbr. | 54 Eighth step |
| 28 Smart set | 56 Ninth step |
| 31 Communicate successfully | 57 End of the word ladder |
| | 61 Censors' signs |
| | 64 Bramiac |
| | 66 Stands for things |
| | 67 Put on board |
| | 68 Grazing ground |
| | 69 Saddam Hussein, e.g. |
| | 70 Chapeau's spot |
| | 71 A little work |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GIMLET CRUZ MEW
UNITE NOBO AMI
SUNDANGERID HIT
TEE AAR ISAN
RIO ANNIEOAKLEY
ALBUT COCAINE
YEARN LEON TATA
ETYPALACE
LENA OPTIE ORSON
SPITTYLE ENSURE
DOCHOLLIDAY BIT
POEM NEG ELO
EEL BUFFALO BULL
WEE OSLO EDAMES
ESS YEAR SANEST



Puzzle by Greg Shaples

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 32 Baby | 48 Hankering | 60 Unforeseen difficulty |
| 33 Shoot the breeze | 53 "A house a home" | 62 Arafat's grp |
| 36 Canadian skater Brian | 55 Trickle | 63 Jet-set jet |
| 39 N.L. Central team, on a scoreboard | 56 Congo river | 65 Nor neighbor |
| 40 Sever | 59 Bleacher feature | |
| 41 Fall from grace | | |
| 42 "Dig in" | | |
| 43 Legal legacy | | |
| 46 Like a baby in a highchair | | |
| 47 Throat flaps | | |

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